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## 'I wish summer could last forever'

Valley Stream residents gathered for a poolside screening of Disney's 2023 'The Little Mermaid' at the Hendrickson Park pool complex earlier this month. Story, more photos, page 3.

# State's school reserve cap under scrutiny

By JUAN LASSO

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Every year when school budget season rolls around, school boards are tasked with a simple, but difficult problem: cover the cost of running their schools with the money they have.

In recent years, the pressure has been on to make school budget revenues go far enough to hit multiple financial goals even as other forms of funding, like pandemic aid, dry up. Valley Stream School districts have largely succeeded in keeping existing programs funded, restoring languishing infrastructure, staying under the tax cap, and setting aside cash for rainy days.

But Albany is pushing for greater scrutiny of school districts sitting on too much savings in the form of unrestricted reserve funds. Nineteen school

districts on Long Island, according to recent media reports, were found with reserves at amounts exceeding the legal cap. But the problem is a longstanding one, and there is no current penalty in place to discourage it.

**D**istricts should be encouraged to maintain surplus reserves if they can. It creates stability. The more wealthy districts are obviously in a more ideal position to do it.

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**Should excess funds be redirected to aid struggling districts?**

Under state law, school districts are limited to holding no more than 4 percent of their annual spending in unrestricted reserves. Generally, unrestricted reserve funds are used during unforeseen downturns or emergencies: a sudden spike in student enrollment, unexpected shortfalls or delays in state funding, or abrupt critical failures in infrastructure.

Gov. Kathy Hochul held up an overflow of these reserves in some districts as a symptom of

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# Goldstein's new coming-of-age novel inspired by hometown

By JUAN LASSO

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After a decades-long career as a successful screenwriter and film critic in Los Angeles, Gary Goldstein returns to his Valley Stream roots as inspiration for his newest and third novel, "Please Come to Boston."

The book's central character, 18-year-old Nicky DeMarco, breaks away from his sheltered Long Island upbringing in Franklin Square to attend his first year of college in Boston. The year is 1975 and in the big city, he is, in many ways, the odd man out. Along the way, the young man finds himself thrust into a romantic trian-

gle with two fellow students: Joe, "a charismatic and kind-hearted jock," and Lori, "a warm and adventurous psychology major."

Suffice it to say, the tangled and torrid affair pushes Nicky to grapple with questions about his sexuality and identity in ways he never thought before. Goldstein's novel is a vivid snapshot of a time not like our own: where exploring one's sexual orientation and gender is as salient for so many Americans as it is fraught with risk and uncertainty.

But at its core, the novel is a classic coming-of-age journey into personhood — about the experiences that both reveal to us who we are

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Valley Stream children and their families enjoy a poolside screening of Disney's live-action remake of *The Little Mermaid* on August 16 at the village's Poolside Movie Night.

# Dive-in movie magic at Valley Stream pool

What do you get when you take two summer activities children can't get enough of — splashing in the pool — watching movies — and put them together? The answer: poolside movie nights. Hosted at the Valley Stream Hendrickson Park pool complex this summer, kids and families bring their floaters and pool noodles as they splash, relax, and enjoy a poolside screening of the biggest kid films in recent time.

It's one of the many recreational offerings at the village pool. Fitzano and his team began the poolside movie nights roughly three years ago and watched as it's taken off

ever since.

"It's amazing," said Valley Stream Recreation Director Jimmy Fitzano. "We section off a large part of the Olympic pool and set up the movie screen. Kids swim during the movie. We give out giveaways. And the community loves it."

On the last screening of the summer earlier this month, residents went on a thrilling journey under the sea with mermaid princess Ariel in Disney's live-action remake of *The Little Mermaid*.

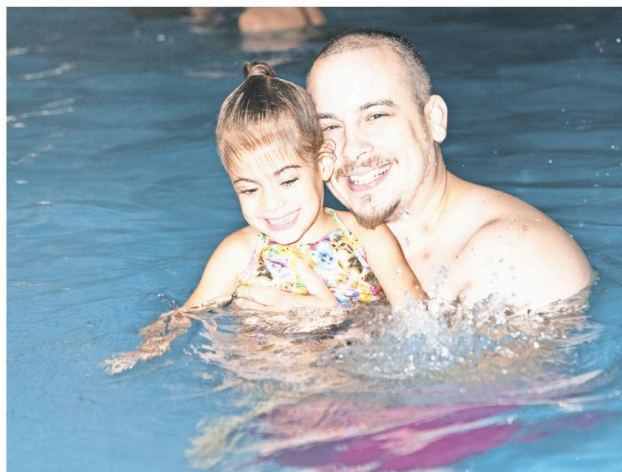
—Juan Lasso



Organizer Diana DeSimpliciis, left, and Recreation Director Jimmy Fitzano, center, work with pool staffers Concetta Veltri, Reilly Daly, Stephanie Rossello, and Breana Romero to ensure a night of fun.



Sophia Nelbett, 6, left, cozies up with her caretaker, Ferrin Bujan, with a beach ball in hand at the at the village's Poolside Movie Night.



Carlos Rivas, right, and 5-year-old Camilla splash the night away at the village's Poolside Movie Night.





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At the time, some of the best estate planning lawyers were in Florida. Perhaps you can guess why. In any event, off I went to Florida to train as an estate planning lawyer and, upon returning, closed the litigation practice and founded Ettinger Law Firm in April 1991, to keep people just like you, dear reader, out of probate court.

The reason I was so excited about the living trust, and continue to be so to this day, is the concept of taking back control from the courts and government and giving it back to you and your family. After all, who doesn't want control over their affairs?

When you go to court, who's in charge? The judge, right? Now tell me, does the

judge always act in your best interest? Does the judge ever make a mistake? And when the judge says jump, you know what the answer is!

Not only do you pay considerably for this privilege, but it can take many months and often years to complete the probate court proceeding. Meantime, houses cannot be sold, bank accounts accessed, or investment portfolios managed – at least without the judge's permission which involves additional time and resources to request. Of course, that permission may be denied as well.

With a living trust, your trustee (formerly your "executor" under the will) may act immediately upon death to sell the house, pay the bills and handle the investments – no permission required! An additional benefit is, in the event you become unable to handle your affairs later in life, your trustee may take over by simply getting a letter from your doctor showing you are unable to handle your legal and financial affairs. Essentially then, a living trust gives you back the control you may have thought you had.

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## CRIME BRIEFS



Courtesy Valley Stream Fire Department

Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department crews work to douse a car caught aflame on Franklin Avenue near Peterhoff Avenue on Aug. 17.

## Two vehicle fires in North Valley Stream

Two vehicle fires within hours of one another were reported in North Valley Stream. An individual remains at large in connection with a vehicle fire on Franklin Avenue and Dutch Broadway on a blacktop parking space in a residential area on August 17. Police say an unknown individual poured a flammable liquid on a 2006 gray Ford Econoline E250 van at 3:50 a.m. before running away on foot toward Franklin Avenue.

The Malverne Fire Department was called in to put out the blaze, according to Valley Stream fire officials. No injuries were reported at the scene and the van was not heavily damaged. The investigation remains ongoing.

Just before 3 p.m. that same day, the Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department responded to a reported car fire on Franklin Avenue near Peterhoff Avenue. Assistant Chief Kyle O'Brien quickly arrived on the scene to discover the engine compartment set aflame. Engine 341 arrived and stretched a hose line to knock down the flames. Engine 342 arrived and performed an overhaul.

Detectives urge anyone with information about this incident to contact Nassau County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-244-TIPS or call 911. All calls will be kept confidential, and callers can remain anonymous.

—Juan Lasso

## V.S. firefighters assist in area house fire

The Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Hewlett Fire Department at the scene of a house fire in North Woodmere around 3 p.m. on August 26.

Engine 343 responded to assist in hose line operations as the fire engulfed all floors of the home, requiring multiple hose lines to bring the blaze under control. Following the transmission of a second alarm, Ladder 346 was dispatched and served as the designated FAST (Fire-

fighter Assist & Search Team) to ensure firefighter safety and provide immediate rescue if needed. Additionally, Ambulance 348 stood by on the scene to support the medical command with any required medical assistance.

All Valley Stream personnel operated under the command of Chief of Department Capone. The Valley Stream units remained on the scene for roughly two hours before returning to the station.

—Juan Lasso

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# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Fun never stops at V.S. 13 summer program

Students had a fun-filled summer at the Valley Stream District 13's Summer Recreation program. There were about 275 students enrolled in the program, from kindergarten through seventh grade. Staff members worked diligently to provide a summer of exciting activities and enrichment for the children who attended the program, which was hosted at James A. Dever Elementary School. The students have been able to participate in various indoor and outdoor activities, including art projects, dance, sports, field trips, band lessons, and more.

"This program truly exemplifies the beauty of our entire Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen community. It allows students to engage in experiences that foster student connection with grade-level peers across the district," said Amanda King, summer program principal. "It has been such a pleasure to participate in such a wonderful program."

Some of the exciting activities that were available for the students included Summer Spirit Week, Summer Olympics Tournament, and Marino Ices on Wednesdays. These events helped connect students and create lasting friendships and memories of the summer. Additionally, for students entering the third grade, there was an option to partici-

pate in the Summer Recreation recorder program. In this program, students learned to play songs on the recorder and got to perform them at the Summer Showcase.

The students were invited to attend two great field trips this summer. The first field trip was to the bowling alley, and later in the summer, they went to the movie theater. The Summer Recreation program allowed students to gain enjoyable experiences on and off campus. At the end of the summer program, there was a Summer Showcase DJ Party and Carnival filled with art, music, dancing, and more. Families were invited to come to see the amazing work and effort the students and staff put into such a successful program.

Valley Stream District 13 is committed to fostering a sense of community and togetherness for all of its students, according to district officials. The Summer Recreation program allowed students the opportunity to have a fun-filled summer while also keeping connections with fellow peers and teachers. The Valley Stream District 13 looks forward to continuing this program for years to come and seeing the program grow, they added.

—Juan Lasso



Courtesy Valley Stream District 13

Valley Stream District 13 students enjoyed a summer jam-packed with recreational activities at the district's Summer Recreation program.



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# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

## 1,000 backpacks given away to local children

Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages partnered with local businesses and community groups to pack and distribute 1,000 free backpacks filled with supplies to students in the Valley Stream and Elmont region, just in time for the new school year.

The backpacks were handed out at events held across the district, including Green Acres' Back to School Bash in Valley Stream, Community Outreach Day by REDZ INC. in Elmont, KNM African Natural Hair Braiding's Pop-Up Shop in Elmont — each held on Aug. 17 — and Gateway Christian Center's Community Day on Aug. 3 in Valley Stream. Holy Name of Mary RC Church in Valley Stream also held their backpack drive on Aug. 20 with the support of Solages.

Additionally, the New York Islanders have begun distributing backpacks to students in partnership with Solages' community office. This collaboration with community groups and businesses provided students with essential supplies and enjoyable activities at these distribution events as they prepared for the upcoming school year.

"Supporting our students requires a community effort, and this initiative proves just that," Solages said in a news release. "By coming together—government, local businesses, and community organizations—we've created something meaningful for our families as they prepare for the new school year. I'm incredibly grateful to our partners for their dedication and for making this vision a reality."

—Nicole Wagner



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Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, second from left, at the backpack distribution during KNM African Natural Hair Braiding's Pop-Up Shop in Elmont on Aug. 17.

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# MSSN receives \$1 Million donation

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Mount Sinai South Nassau, the closest hospital for Baldwin residents, has received a \$1 million donation from the Betty Ajces Trust to enhance cancer patient clinical trials and research on Long Island. This marks the second significant contribution from the Trust, following a \$200,000 donation last August that established the Leon and Betty Ajces Memorial Fund to support the hospital's cancer research and prevention efforts.

"This generous gift will allow us to offer patients access to cutting-edge cancer therapies, technologies, and treatment protocols through clinical trials, right here on Long Island," said Adhi Sharma, president of Mount Sinai South Nassau. "Patients will no longer need to travel to New York City for these opportunities."

As part of the Mount Sinai Health System's National Clinical Trial Network, Mount Sinai South Nassau's Department of Clinical Research plays a crucial role in leading clinical trials to establish new standards of care, test innovative treatment approaches, and validate new human genome biomarkers.

"We are pleased to support Mount Sinai South Nassau in expanding access to the latest cancer treatments on Long Island," said Alan Weiner, trustee of the Betty Ajces Trust and a longtime friend of the Ajces family."



Herald File photo

This marks the second significant contribution from the Betty Ajces Trust, following a \$200,000 donation last August.

The department, based at the Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center in Valley Stream, collaborates closely with The Tisch Cancer Institute in Manhattan, a National Cancer Institute-designated center known for its pioneering cancer research. The Gertrude & Louis Feil Cancer Center treats approximately 2,500 patients annually and is equipped with advanced technologies for cancer treatment. Through its partnership

with the Mount Sinai Health System, Mount Sinai South Nassau offers a range of innovative clinical trials and access to leading oncologists specializing in both common and rare cancers. The \$1 million donation will help Mount Sinai South Nassau extend access to clinical trials already underway at The Tisch Cancer Institute.

"This gift will allow us to expand our support for these trials and increase

access for patients who prefer not to travel to New York City," said Rajiv Datta, chair of the department of surgery and director of the Feil Cancer Center.

The hospital's protocol review committee, comprising specialists and support services, ensures that all clinical trials align with the National Cancer Institute's standards and the hospital's mission. The Institutional Review Board then provides regulatory oversight to safeguard patients participating in these trials. Currently, Mount Sinai South Nassau has patients enrolled in breast and lung cancer clinical trials.

Betty Ajces, born in Jackson Heights, Queens, in 1929, had a deep connection to the arts, performing with an "all-girl" jazz trio in the late 1940s and 1950s, and serving as Chair of the Board of the Rockaway-Five Towns Orchestra. She passed away in August 2022 at the age of 93. Her husband, Leon Ajces, was a Ukrainian-born immigrant and World War II veteran who later became a successful businessman in the United States.

"This gift will significantly enhance our ability to provide cutting-edge treatments and clinical trials to our Long Island patients," said Karyn Goodman, associate director of clinical research at The Tisch Cancer Institute.

—Kepherd Daniel

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Valley Stream Fire Department Ex-Chief Richard Sullivan, center, was all smiles as he was recognized for his dedication to the community.

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# First responders celebrated for heroism

By ROKSANA AMID

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First responders are the backbone of public safety across Nassau County, the first line of defense in emergencies. Whether it's battling fires, responding to medical crises or managing disasters, these dedicated professionals — firefighters, police officers, paramedics and EMTs — rush into danger to protect and save lives.

In a heartfelt ceremony at the Nassau County Police Department's David S. Mack Center for Intelligence on Aug. 22, U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito recognized the courage and dedication of more than 40 first responders from around the county. They were nominated by their municipalities in the 4th Congressional District for acts of heroism and exemplary service.

D'Esposito, who served as a detective in the New York City Police Department for over a decade and as chief of the Island Park Fire Department, emphasized the critical role first responders play, not just in times of crisis, but in the daily safety and security of county residents.

"We are gathered here this evening really for something that we should be doing every single day," he said. "It's unfortunate in the world that we live in that all too often, it seems that war is being waged on first responders. Those of us in law enforcement have seen that the handcuffs that we're supposed to use on others have suddenly been used on us, hindering us from doing the great work and conducting the great investigations that we do."

During the ceremony, D'Esposito also announced a major achievement for the Nassau County Police Department: a \$3 million federal grant that he secured to build a state-of-the-art

training center. This new facility, set to be constructed behind the existing Center for Intelligence, will feature simulated environments such as a bank, a restaurant, a school, a store, and houses of worship. These realistic settings will provide invaluable training opportunities for police officers as well as federal agents and other law enforcement partners.

Among the honorees was Lt. Petros Mesthenas, a 36-year veteran of the Freeport Fire Department. Mesthenas was recognized for his heroic actions during a devastating five-alarm fire on April 1, 2023, when he navigated a smoke-filled, explosion-damaged garage to rescue two trapped firefighters. His bravery also earned him the prestigious title of New York state's Firefighter of the Year earlier this month.

"I'm a product of the tradition and the experience that has been passed down to me by the senior men of Church Street," Mesthenas said. "It was very nice to receive the recognition, but there's tons of other people out there that deserve it also every day."

Another honoree was Ex-Chief Richard Sullivan of the Valley Stream Fire Department, for his more than six decades of service to the community. At age 83, Sullivan continues to serve in the department, and remains an active member of the Benevolent Association. He has worked with the village since 1960, and celebrated his 65th year in the department and the association this year.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman, who was also in attendance, lauded the first responders for their unwavering commitment to the community. "Without first responders, the residents of Nassau would be less happy and less safe," Blakeman said.

## First responders honored by Congressman Anthony D'Esposito

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# A Celtic celebration in Eisenhower Park

By JORDAN VALLONE

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The sounds of bagpipes, fiddles, and lively Irish dance echoed through the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre at Eisenhower Park on Aug. 5, as the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens hosted its annual Irish American Night. The event, which has become a beloved tradition in the community, was a vibrant celebration of Irish culture, bringing together people of all ages to honor their heritage through music, dance, and camaraderie.

The evening included performances by the Tommy Mulvihill Band featuring Sean Quinn. The audience, many of whom proudly donned green and gold, were immersed in the sounds and spirits of familiar melodies.

The stage also came alive with the swift, intricate footwork of the Donny Golden School of Champion Irish Step Dancers. The dancers captivated the crowd, showcasing the elegance and energy of Irish dance.

Adding to the night's authentic Irish atmosphere was the Inis Fada Pipe Band, whose powerful bagpipes and drums resonated across the park. Their performance evoked a deep sense of pride and nostalgia, transporting listeners back to the rolling hills of Ireland.

The festivities also included a set with the Clann Agus Cairde Ceilie Band, whose lively jigs and reels brought a festive energy to the event. The Inis Fada Set Dancers, with their spirited group dances, added another layer of excitement to the evening, encouraging audience members to take part in the cultural experience.

The event, chaired by Maureen O'Neill-Regan, with co-chairs Maureen Corrigan and Margaret Finucane, was not only a celebration of Irish culture but also an opportunity to honor those who have made significant contributions. This year's honorees, Bridie Mahoney and Brendan Kerins, were recognized for their dedication and service to the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. Mahoney is a past president, who chaired the Irish American Night for 15 years, and Kerins is also a past president, who chaired the event for 25 years.

The Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens is based in Mineola, and is led by president James Doyle. For more on the society, visit IrishAmericanSoc.com.

As the night drew to a close, the sense of community and pride was palpable. The music and dance, the laughter and conversation, all served as a reminder of the rich tapestry that binds the Irish American community together. Irish American Night at Eisenhower Park was not just an evening of entertainment, but a heartfelt tribute to the legacy of Irish culture in America.

There's more free concerts and cultural nights in store throughout the remainder of the summer. For more information and a full list of upcoming shows, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.

The Donny Golden School of Champion Irish Step Dancers was one of the many groups that performed over the course of an evening packed with Irish music.



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Calling all Swifties! Let's Sing Taylor, a live band experience that performs the hits of Taylor Swift, was at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre on Aug. 22.

# 'Let's Sing Taylor' rocks Nassau County

Nassau County residents — and Long Islanders from all over — didn't have to travel far to listen to the music of Taylor Swift. The pop and musical icon has been trekking around the world for over a year on her Eras Tour, but in Eisenhower Park last week, fans got to experience her stardom from the cover group, Let's Sing Taylor.

Let's Sing Taylor is a live band experience that serves as a tribute to Swift's music. The group delivers lively and faithful covers of Swift's extensive catalog, providing fans — known as Swifties — with an immersive and communal experience celebrating her work. The group has been performing at various venues across the country, bringing the magic of Swift's songs to

life with energetic performances that resonate with her audience.

The event was part of Nassau County's summer concert series at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre. Fans were decked in head-to-toe in outfits that reflected all of Swift's "eras" — meaning her different albums and musical styles throughout the years.

Whether fans were there to listen to her classic country hits, or dance along to her pop repertoire, there was something for everyone to enjoy. For more on the cover group, and to catch their next show close to him, visit LetsSingTaylor.com.

—Jordan Vallone



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Lucy Ghiuro, Ruby Baker, Violet Ghiuro, Claire Baker and Caroline Ghiuro had a blast at the show.



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The audience was packed with fans in their best Taylor Swift-themed gear.



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Maggie Lino, 5, from Rockville Centre, rocked a pair pink sunglasses.



# STEPPING OUT

## At The grill



Chicken and Pineapple Skewers



Grilled Watermelon, Feta and Balsamic Crackers



Asian Style Ribs

Summer's farewell is best enjoyed with some al fresco entertaining

By Karen Bloom

Fire up that grill to savor summer's waning days over Labor Day weekend. When it comes to entertaining outdoors, easy yet flavorful dishes that spotlight the season's bountiful harvest can keep prep time to a minimum. Plus, they're sure to please guests' palates.

Of course, appetizers while you wait for the grill to heat are practically a requirement, after all. Instead of the typical rich, creamy dips, try a lighter approach, like some cracker canapes. That set the stage for what's to come.

### Grilled Watermelon, Feta and Balsamic Crackers

- 4 watermelon wedges (1/2-inch thick slices, 4 inches wide at base)
- 16 multi-grain crackers of your choice
- 1/4 cup finely crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup prepared balsamic reduction
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint
- Kalamata olives, optional

Heat grill to medium-high; grease grate well. Grill watermelon wedges, turning once, 3-5 minutes, or until grill-marked on both sides. Cut each watermelon wedge into four smaller wedges. Top each cracker with watermelon wedge and sprinkle with feta. Drizzle with balsamic reduction. Garnish with fresh mint.

Tip: Add finely chopped Kalamata olives for a tangy twist.

### Chicken and Pineapple Skewers

- 8 skewers
- 1 pineapple
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 3/4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch pieces

Soak wooden skewers for 15 minutes prior to grilling.

Heat grill to medium-high heat.

Remove rind from pineapple and dice into 1-inch pieces.

In small bowl, combine oil, salt and pepper. Add chicken and pineapple; toss to coat.

Alternating chicken and pineapple, pierce onto skewers.

Grill skewers 8 minutes each side, or until chicken is cooked thoroughly. Serve with lemon-cucumber salsa; makes 4 servings.

### Lemon-Cucumber Salsa

- 1 lemon, supremed
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1/2 red onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon wildflower honey
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

In medium bowl, combine lemon, cucumber, onion, honey and pepper.

Tip: Supreme citrus fruit by cutting off top and bottom of fruit then cut away peel and pith, leaving no white on outside of fruit. Slice each segment into wedges by cutting toward center of fruit along membrane.

### Asian Style Ribs

- 1/2 cup kosher salt
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground anise or fennel seed
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 racks St. Louis-Style spareribs, membrane removed
- 1 handful hickory or apple wood chips for smoking, soaked in water and drained (optional)
- 2 cups hoisin barbecue sauce

About 30 minutes before grilling, make the dry rub.

Combine the first six ingredients in small bowl; mix well. Generously coat both sides of ribs with rub. Set aside at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Heat charcoal or gas grill for indirect cooking at 275 F. Add drained wood chips, if using.

Place the ribs, meaty side up, over a drip pan and cook for 2 hours. Add about 12 coals to a charcoal grill every 45 minutes or so to maintain the heat.

Remove ribs from grill. Double-wrap each rack in heavy-duty aluminum foil. Return wrapped ribs to the grill and cook for 2 hours more over indirect heat, until very tender.

Remove ribs from grill and unwrap. Place ribs over direct heat on grill and brush with hoisin barbecue sauce. Cook for about 5 minutes until the sauce is set. Turn ribs and repeat with more sauce. Serve ribs with remaining hoisin barbecue sauce.



### Dweezil Zappa

Guitarist Dweezil Zappa brings the aptly named "Rox-Postrophy" Tour to the Paramount stage. Zappa is celebrating two of his father Frank Zappa's landmark albums, "Roxy & Elsewhere" and "Apostrophe." The tour commemorates the 50th Anniversary of both albums and Zappa has curated a setlist highlighting fan-favorite tracks from each record, replete with unique hybrid arrangements. Known for his masterful performances and deep connection to his father's music, he returns to concert stages for the first time since the 2020 Hot Ratz Live! Tour, continuing to guide fans through the thrilling and sophisticated world of his father's music. His music effortlessly traverses genres, seamlessly weaving together elements of rock, fusion, and experimental sounds, all while maintaining a signature style that is unmistakably his own. In addition to his solo work

Friday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. \$89, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50.  
The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



### Brandy Clark

Grammy and CMA Award-winner, Brandy Clark is one of her generation's most esteemed songwriters and musicians. A perennial critics' favorite, Brandy Clark is "universally revered" among fellow country songwriters, having penned hits for Kacey Musgraves, Band Perry, Darius Rucker, and Miranda Lambert (Los Angeles Times). But Nashville's sought-after tunesmith is coming into the spotlight after a whirlwind period that included her Broadway debut as co-composer/lyricist of the Tony Award-winning musical "Shucked," the release of her latest self-titled album (produced by close friend and collaborator, Brandi Carlile), and winning the Grammy Award for Best Americana Performance for her haunting hit ballad, "Dear Insecurity."

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.



# THE SCENE

Sept. 7

## The Jackie Mason Musical

Laughs abound when this entertaining show arrives on the Landmark stage, Friday, **Sept. 7**, 8 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 8, 3 p.m. It's based on the playwright's 10-year whirlwind romance with comedy legend Jackie Mason, featuring a hilarious cast of characters, including lovechild comic Sheba Mason. Since the passing of the eight-time comic in late 2021, the ending has been written. The Jackie Mason Musical begins at a deli in Miami Beach in 1977, where Jackie — then a 46-year-old comedian — spots college girl Ginger (played by Jackie and the playwright's real life daughter Sheba Mason in the Off-Broadway production).



Along for the ride is her overbearing mom and five off-beat characters. Soon Jackie is wooing Ginger each winter whenever he's in South Florida churning up laughs with the South Beach set. The trouble is, Jackie is also wooing Trixie, a ravishing young Latina server, and Rosa, a senior server with attitude. Jackie is a "player," albeit a Delicatessen player, manipulating dates, and times, all managed by a sidekick named Wooley the Shlepalong who is constantly on the go with excuses and fallback plans for the comic's escapades — sometimes juggling as many as four women a day — a fact that sends Ginger into romantic distress. It's a tour de force highlighting Mason's romantic misadventures as Broadway stardom emerges and Sheba is born. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Visit [LandmarkOnMainStreet.org](http://LandmarkOnMainStreet.org) for tickets and information, or call (516) 767-6444.



## Abundant Apple Trees

Fall arrives soon and Long Island Children's Museum is ready to welcome the season, Thursday, **Sept. 5**, 2:30-4 p.m. Drop by the Inner Lobby craft table with the kids to take part in a themed craft using various materials. September is the month most apples are at their peak for harvesting, so make an apple tree craft to bring home. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Gardens City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

## Lions Flea Market

Valley Stream Lions Club hosts their 29th Annual Outdoor Flea Market, Saturday, **Sept. 21**, starting at 8 a.m., at the Arthur J. Hendrickson park pool. Donations of canned foods and toiletries are accepted and proceeds will benefit Lions charities. 123 W. Merrick Road. For more information, call (516) 887-3483 or email [vsflionsfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:vsflionsfleamarket@gmail.com).

## Walk to cure FSHD

Join Long Islanders to walk to cure facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy, hosted by the FSHD Society, at Eisenhower Park, Saturday, **Sept. 28**, 10 a.m. Visit [FSHDSociety.org](http://FSHDSociety.org) for more.



## Rockin' Labor Day

Rock on at Point Lookout for a rousing Labor Day weekend celebration, at Town Park Point Lookout, with Mike DelGuidice, Saturday, **Aug. 31**, 8 p.m. The free concert, hosted by the Town of Hempstead, concludes with a fireworks show.

DelGuidice, known for his appearances with Billy Joel, captivates audiences all over with his renditions of the Joel hits, along with his own tunes. 1300 Lido Blvd. in Point Lookout. For information, visit [toh.li](http://toh.li).

## Library board meeting

The Library Board of Trustees meets, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., in the Children's Room. Please ring the bell at the Children's Room entrance for admittance. Masks are optional, and attendees are asked to respect those who choose to wear one. 60 Verona Place. To register or for more information, email [hvmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hvmlcontact@hotmail.com) or call (516) 825-3323.

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## Art talk

Grab your lunch and join Nassau County Museum of Art Docent Riva Ettus for her popular "Brown Bag Lecture" at the museum, Thursday, **Sept. 5**, 1 p.m. She'll discuss the current exhibition, "Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol." Participants are invited to ask questions at the end of the in-depth program and also participate in a guided exhibition tour following the lecture. No registration required, but limited seating. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

## Valley Stream village meeting

The Village of Valley Stream holds their regular board of trustees meeting, on Monday, **Sept. 23**, at 7 p.m., at Village Hall, 123 S. Central Ave. For more information, visit Vsvny.org or call (516) 872-4159

## Rusty Spur

The Village of Valley Stream continues their annual summer concert series, Wednesday, Sept. 4, starting at 8 p.m., at the Bandshell in the Village Green, with Upbeat Country and Line Dancing. For more information, call (516) 825-4200 or visit Vsvny.org.

## Disco Night

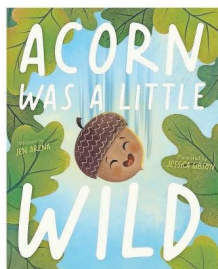
The Village of Valley Stream continues its pool dance concert, Saturday, **Aug. 31**, with Disco Night, starting at 8 p.m., at the Arthur J. Hendrickson park mini-golf area. Open to village residents and Valley Stream Central High School District neighbors. 123 W. Merrick Rd. For more information, call (516) 825-4200 or visit Vsvny.org.

## Car Show

The Village of Valley Stream hosts their annual classic car show, Friday, **Aug. 30**, starting at 6 p.m., on Rockaway Ave. For more information, call (516) 825-4200 or visit Vsvny.org.

## American Legion Post 854 meets

Valley Stream American Legion Post 854 holds their regular monthly meeting, Thursday, **Sept. 19**, at 7 p.m. 51 Roosevelt Ave. For more information, call (516) 791-9791 or visit AmericanLegion854.com.



## Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for another storybook adventure, Saturday, **Sept. 7**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Jen Arena's "Acorn Was A Little Wild!" Later create a unique take home craft. The stroll starts at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), ending at the Thatched Cottage. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

## On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition "Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol," reveals the many meanings, connotations, and associations of this powerful color in art. Evoking strong emotion, red can represent the human condition. Its myriad variations have come to signify authority as well as love, energy and beauty. Red warns us of peril and commands us to stop, but it can also indicate purity and good fortune. Red boldly represents political movements and religious identities. From the advent of our appreciation for this color in antiquity to its continued prominence in artistic and popular culture, this exhibition will span various world cultures through a range of media.

It features more than 70 artists, both established and emerging, ranging from the classical to the contemporary. American portraitists such as Gilbert Stuart imbued red in their stately paintings of prominent individuals to conjure authority. Robert Motherwell, Ad Reinhardt, and other major abstract painters displayed a deep fascination with red in their commanding compositions that evoke a sense of chromatic power. And, of course, Andy Warhol is known for his bold and imposing silkscreened portrait of Vladimir Lenin saturated in bright red to his signature Campbell's Soup Cans. On view through Jan. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



## Art League of L.I. exhibit

**Sept. 28**

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Art League of Long Island presents "Retrospect - The Individual Art of Collaboration in Reconstructive Surgery." The exhibit delves into the interplay between personal artistry and collaborative efforts in the context of breast reconstruction, showcasing how the healing process can transcend medicine to become an inspiring narrative of restoration and personal resilience. This unique exhibition explores the intersection of medicine and art through the lens of two accomplished breast reconstruction surgeons, Dr. Ron Israeli and Dr. Jonathan Bank, whose careers and artistic endeavors are deeply intertwined.

The works on display show the multifaceted nature of artistic expression in medicine and surgery. Their work emphasizes the importance of collaborative creativity in the healing process, offering viewers a unique perspective on the emotional and physical aspects of breast reconstruction. On view **Sept. 28** through **Oct. 18**. Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery at Art League of Long Island, 107 East Deer Park Road, Dix Hills. Visit artleagueli.org for more information.

## Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to thescene@liherald.com.

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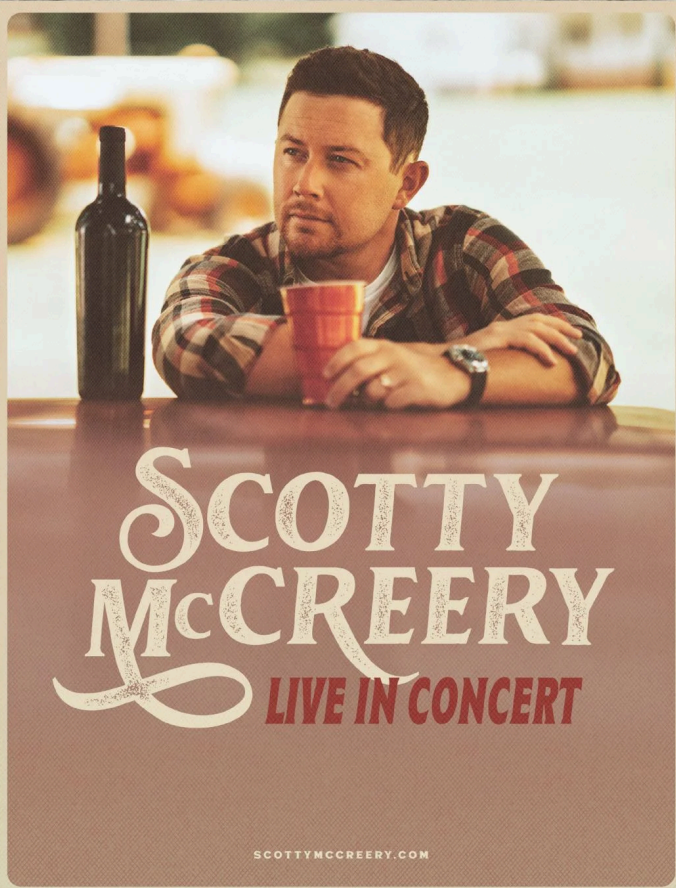
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Gary Goldstein, a successful screenwriter and film critic, draws inspiration from his Valley Stream upbringing and college experiences to explore themes of identity, love and authenticity in his new coming-of-age novel, 'Please Come to Boston.'

## L.I.'s Gary Goldstein pens heartfelt college tale

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and can just as easily leave us with more questions than answers.

"It's so interesting the kind of impact that certain moments in your younger life have on the rest of your life," said Goldstein, who frequently jumps the novel forward in time as we see how each character forges their separate path from this shared turning point.

As college is often to so many young Americans a dizzying time of personal exploration and finding one's place in the world, noted Goldstein, it was, for him, the novel's perfect backdrop to wrestle with one of the novel's biggest questions: how one can we live authentically? And why do so many of us often come up short?

"College is a new environment where you deal with a compressed amount of change with no parental control or advisory and you have to start from scratch," he said. "When you're in the middle of these big life transitions, unshackled by home and family, you often don't think about how the actions we take moment by moment affect the future."

The novel oscillates back and forth in time to see how these decisions play out in the larger context of the characters' lives for better or for worse. Life can often surprise you for the better when "how much of what we expect from our life doesn't always turn out the way we would have expected back in the day, but often turns out even better than we could have expected."

But Goldstein's novel is also grounded by the fact that while some can claim their authenticity, others must sacrifice or put away aspects of themselves to survive and adapt to society.

"Not everybody has the opportunity

to live authentically. Based upon where we come from, social pressures, all of that, not everybody can always be the person they feel they are," said Goldstein.

The ability to be authentic can come easier to some more than others, but in general, it takes a certain degree of grit and perseverance to practice authenticity, noted Goldstein, something that like a muscle gets better, the more you work it.

This is the first time Goldstein has drawn upon his own experience growing up in Valley Stream, a graduate of Valley Stream North High School, and later attending college at Boston University.

The novel's detailed description of Franklin Square and the surrounding neighborhood are steeped in his nostalgic recollections of his community. One of his fondest memories of Valley Stream is his brief stint in the retail world, working at the beloved and now-defunct Sam Goody record store in Green Acres.

"I worked in the tape department where we sold eight track tapes and cassettes and it was just a blast," he said. "It was the record store on Long Island. And my experience in Valley Stream was definitely a place to prepare me for the world at large."

Though Goldstein admits the life choices he's made are wholly different from those of the characters who inhabit his novel, he hopes audiences can read his book and be motivated through his characters to find the "wherewithal to really explore their true selves."

"Please Come to Boston" will be out on Sept. 10. It's available now for pre-order via all local and online booksellers including at: [amzn.to/4b2dL8L](https://amzn.to/4b2dL8L).





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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 07/12/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, on the North Side steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court located at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 on 9/26/2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1624 Sherbourne Road, Valley Stream, New York 11550, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being Near Valley Stream, In The Town Of Hempstead, County Of Nassau And State Of New York. Section 37 Block 583 Lot 19

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$773,072.55 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 609520/2023

Paul L. Meli, Esq., Referee.  
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**THROUGH CERTIFICATES,**  
**PLTF. vs. DONOVAN**  
**RUSSELL, et al, Defts.**  
**Index #17-001892.**  
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 29, 2019 and order substituting the referee entered Sept. 20, 2022, I will sell at public auction on the north side front steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court,

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**BY THE BOARD OF**  
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THE FOLLOWING CASES WILL BE CALLED STARTING AT 2:00 P.M.  
556/24. NR VALLEY STREAM - Majorie Richards & Yvonne Richards, Renewal of grant to maintain 2-family dwelling, W/s Sobro Ave., 424.82' S/o Elmont Rd., a/k/a 35 Sobro Ave.

ALL PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE ABOVE HEARING ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE BOARD OF APPEALS, TOWN HALL, 1 WASHINGTON STREET, HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550. This notice is only for new cases in Valley Stream within Town of Hempstead jurisdiction. There are additional cases in different hamlets, towns and villages on the Board of Appeals calendar. The full calendar is available at <https://hempsteadny.gov/509/Board-of-Appeals>. The internet address of the website streaming for this meeting is <https://hempsteadny.gov/576/Live-Streaming-Video>. Interested parties may appear at the above time and place. At the call of the Chairman, the Board will consider decisions on the foregoing and those on the Reserve Decision calendar and such other matters as may properly come before it. 148646

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**COUNTY OF NASSAU**  
Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
Simran Kaur; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 19, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the North Side Steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on September 30, 2024 at 4:00PM, premises known as 51 Sobro Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being at Elmont, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of NY, Section 37 Block: 521 Lot 2. Approximate amount of judgment \$482,798.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 605425/2018. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 10th Judicial District. Foreclosure Auctions will be held "Rain or Shine." Leonard Symons, Esq., Referee

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**COUNTY OF NASSAU**  
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
Nicolas Carpio a/k/a Nicholas Carpio; et al., Defendant(s)

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CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff against  
SHARIQ M. MAJEED, et al Defendant(s)  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 230 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

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Brian J. Davis, Esq., Referee File # NY20220000810-1 148666  
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THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BEL AIRE CONDOMINIUM, Filed: Index No. 607530/2023 Plaintiff,

against- ANDREW CHAMOW, as heir to the Estate of Robert Chamow; ANDREW CHAMOW, as heir to the Estate of Dorothy Chamow; ALICE BADER, as heir to the Estate of Robert Chamow; ALICE BADER, as heir to the Estate of Dorothy Chamow; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Any unknown heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of the realty, late Robert Chamow, if

they be living or, if they be dead, their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the Plaintiff; Any unknown heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of the late Dorothy Chamow, if they be living or, if they be dead, their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the Plaintiff; and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", being fictitious names and intended to be tenants or persons in possession, and/or any other person who by bond, note, extension agreement or otherwise may be liable for deficiency judgment, if such deficiency judgment is desired and/or any party in possession of any part of the lien premises whose interest plaintiff desires to bar, Defendants.

Plaintiff designates Nassau County as the place of trial. The basis of the venue is location of the realty.

**ACTION TO FORECLOSE LIEN Supplemental Summons**  
Plaintiff resides at Plaoenvue, Nassau County, New York.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED: Smithtown, New York May 9, 2024  
Lisa Albert, Esq. COHEN, WARREN, MEYER & GITTER, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
98 Maple Avenue, Suite 100  
Smithtown, New York 11787  
(631) 265-0010

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The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Notice of Lien to secure the sum of \$6,450.78 recorded on October 28, 2022 in ML 22 000510 in the Office of the Nassau County Clerk covering premises known as 50 Merrick Avenue, #126, East Meadow, New York 11554. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Notice of Lien described above. Nassau County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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DATED: August 19, 2024  
Caryn L. Meyer, Esq. Cohen, Warren, Meyer & Gitter, P.C. 98 Maple Avenue, Suite 100  
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**TRUST, Plaintiff, vs.**  
**MICHAEL WOLKOW,**  
**ESQ., AS TEMPORARY**  
**ADMINISTRATOR FOR**  
**THE ESTATE OF**  
**MOHAMMAD ALFATIAN**  
**A/K/A MOHAMMAD**  
**ALFATIAN**  
**A/K/A MOHAMMED**  
**IMAD ALFATIAN; THE**  
**UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE**  
**ESTATE OF MOHAMMAD**  
**ALFATIAN A/K/A**



# Superintendents weigh in on fund battle

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a larger problem: the jarring disparities in funding between poor school districts struggling with too little funding and their better-off counterparts who appear to have too much.

“We can’t continue to have large sums of money sitting in school district reserves when that money could be used in helping students in low-income neighborhoods, or students of color, or for return to taxpayers,” she said.

As stakeholders meet to hash out reforms to include in the state’s new formula for distributing financial aid to districts, a question remains as to whether school districts’ surplus funds over 4 percent should be factored into the equation.

## Tying surplus reserves with state aid? Valley Stream educators say no.

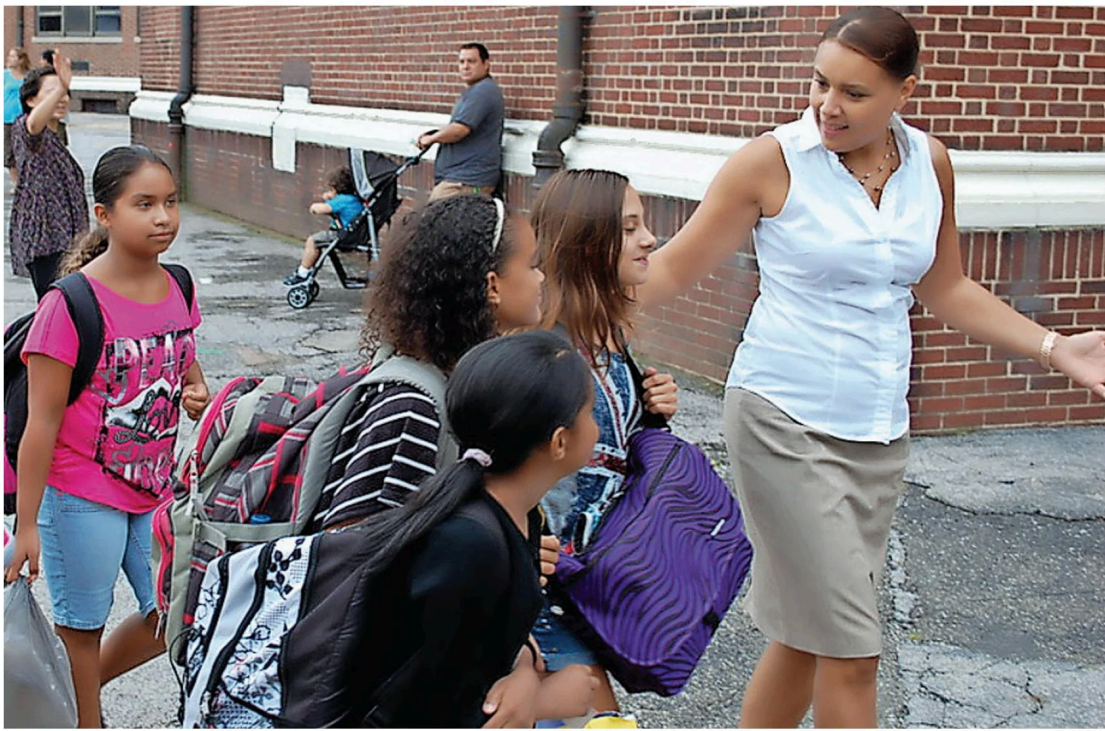
Valley Stream superintendents say such a proposal would be a mistake — and a costly one. Not only are they stiffly opposed to siphoning funding away from school districts with surplus reserves over the allowable limit but consider unrestricted reserves a separate issue from the equitable dispersal of state aid.

“We know that New York faces a delicate balancing act of maintaining equitable funding for its school districts while managing tax considerations,” said Valley Stream Central High School superintendent Wayne Loper. “We do not believe that district reserve levels should be a part of that formula or criteria in determining the level of state aid any individual district should receive.”

“There must be an understanding that reserves have strict regulations on how the reserve funds can be spent,” said District 24 superintendent Unal Karakas. “As such, it should not be factored into the Foundation Aid Formula.”

Pointing an accusing finger at districts who flout the reserve limit may have produced the opposite effect Albany had intended. Administrators of those districts have argued the current limit hamstringing their districts’ ability to support themselves and needs to be raised. Valley Stream administrators fully echo their concerns.

“The current reserve allocation cap



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Valley Stream superintendents oppose the possibility of wresting state aid away from schools with surplus reserves in a newly revised funding formula, arguing for financial stability.

of 4 percent for school districts is far below the threshold established for other government entities, including our state government,” said District 13 superintendent Judith LaRocca.

“Unlike the higher threshold for these other municipal entities, the 4 percent cap on school districts impedes our ability to prepare for unforeseen emergencies effectively.”

Walloped by inflation, additional necessary spending on special education, and rising transportation costs recently, LaRocca says her district hasn’t replenished its reserves for some time, making it more vulnerable to unanticipated financial shocks.

By calling attention to these surplus reserves, argued Michael Rebell, a prominent civil rights attorney and executive director of the Center for Edu-

cational Equity at Teachers College, the governor is trying to find “an irrelevant excuse for cutting state formula funding wherever she can.”

“Districts should be encouraged to maintain surplus reserves if they can. It creates stability,” said Rebell. “The more wealthy districts are obviously in a more ideal position to do it.”

Decades ago, Rebell led a legal battle to ensure a need-based funding formula system in New York to ensure students’ constitutional right to “a sound basic education,” particularly among poorer districts.

## Why education experts push for a change to funding formula

Rebell says the 2007 formula is a hold-over from another time. It accounts for students’ needs using outdated calculations and metrics so hopelessly out of touch with present reality that it is not only obsolete but also unconstitutional.

“Statistics, for example, used for counting the number of poverty students is based on the 2000 census,” said Rebell.

Since then, major disruptions like large demographic changes, the inflow of migrant students, and post-pandemic challenges have completely transformed education.

Governor Hochul has tapped the Rockefeller Institute of Government, an Albany-based think tank, to recommend ways to tweak formula elements. Rebell, however, argues only a complete overhaul of the formula with a new baseline criterion for determining need will suffice.

## State aid formula discussion

Education stakeholders across New York State are also encouraged to share input on potential changes to the Foundation Aid formula through the submission of written comments.

Now through Sept. 6 at 11:59 p.m., interested members of the public can submit written feedback on the Foundation Aid formula online via the Written Comment Submission Form at [bit.ly/Written-Statements](https://bit.ly/Written-Statements).

Without basing funding decisions on up-to-date, objective, need-based criteria, Rebell fears a return to an old paradigm of backroom politics: one where decisions on what to add or cut from school funding are done behind closed doors, away from public scrutiny, and increasingly subject to the pressure of special interest groups.

“What the Rockefeller Institute of Government has been assigned to do is a patchwork job, to make proposals consistent with the state’s financial interests,” he said. “It is not looking at what kids need, which is what the Constitution requires.”

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2:00 PM, premises known as 11 STATE STREET, VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section: 37, Block: 621, Lot: 11. Approximate amount of judgment is \$776,961.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will

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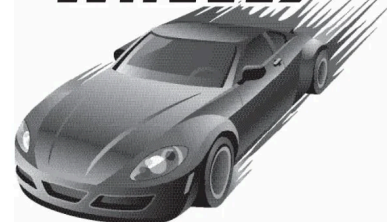
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**A.** When it rains, it pours. The leaking was a wakeup call that A.C. unit condensation occurs every summer season, and even though you have a drain pan, if it doesn't have a working sensor to shut off before the drain pan overflows and you never clean the drain pan pipe to the outdoors, the water overflows. You should, by law (code), have a floor in the attic around the unit, also, which can dry out, since it remains structural, and will be minimally affected by the water.

The insulation and the sheetrock are another story. If the sheetrock hasn't loosened and isn't sagging, then it can just be left to dry out. Make certain, even using a moisture meter, that the sheetrock is completely dry before repainting to avoid potential mildew and discoloration. The insulation, if it is either fiberglass or closed-cell foam, can be dried out also, but only if it can be exposed. This means removing the plywood flooring above so that air can get to the insulation.

In addition, the insulation should be inspected to see that it isn't compressed by the saturation weight of the water, since compressing insulation, contrary to what you were told, actually takes away the ability for it to work properly. The principle behind insulation technology isn't just the use of thermally resistant material but, most critically, the insulation forms tiny air pockets within the material that form the resistance to air passing through. Each trapped air bubble slows the transfer of cold or heat by first conducting or resisting the temperature change within the air molecules.

Heat moves by one of three mechanical principles, convection, conduction and radiation. If the air bubbles or pockets in the insulation are pressed closer together and the material made denser by this, the conduction or transfer of temperature is easier, so the insulation has less likelihood of resisting, and resisting is what you want insulation to do. It would be great to rebuild the floor with deeper joists or have closed-cell foam sprayed in, since it also resists water saturation to solve the problem. Good luck!

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- 30 Quick looks
- 31 Hasten
- 32 Sends on, as an email
- 34 Kick back
- 35 Bee's home
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- 48 Debtor's letters

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- 10 Fork part
- 11 Probability
- 16 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 19 Millinery
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 Decorate anew
- 22 Soft leather
- 23 Requests
- 25 TV mogul Griffin
- 26 Art of speaking
- 27 Platter
- 28 Third son
- 30 Ache
- 33 Bellyaches
- 34 Latvia's capital
- 36 Tribute maker
- 37 Blandly
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- 39 "— She Sweet"
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- 45 Heat source

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- 1 Moreover
- 2 French vineyard
- 3 Surrealist Dali
- 4 Fuzzy fruit
- 5 Shrek, for one
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## OPINIONS

## Vance needs to get his immigrant story straight

**T**he Republican nominee for vice president, J.D. Vance, recently claimed that waves of Italian, Irish and German immigrants in the 19th century created “ethnic enclaves” and “inter-ethnic conflicts.”

Attempting to prove his point, Vance cited “Gangs of New York,” the 2002



**PETER KING**

Marin Scorsese film starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz. I strongly believe that Vance was historically wrong and off the mark on all counts.

As a grandson of immigrants, let me make clear my own position

that the United States is a land of immigrants, and over the generations, immigrants have been the lifeblood of America, weaving their hard work and imagination into our national fabric. I just as strongly believe that immigration must be legal and regulated. A nation without borders soon will no

longer be a nation, which is why the Biden administration’s open-border policy has been so perilous.

Critical as I am of President Biden’s immigration policies, I consider

Vance’s conclusions an uninformed interpretation of history and a gratuitous cheap shot at New York, which in the 19th and early 20th centuries was an exemplar of the benefits of immigration.

For starters, the main protagonist in “Gangs of New York” was Day-Lewis’s William “Bill the Butcher” Cutting, a killer who headed a nativist gang that attacked and terrorized Irish immigrants. Entirely the opposite of what Vance was claiming.

More telling than Vance’s misreading of the film he was relying on to make his misguided point was his myopic depiction of neighborhoods in which immigrants settled as “ethnic enclaves” rather than vital components of the stained glass window mosaic that made New York the world’s great-est city.

These so-called enclaves were in truth neighborhoods where immigrants could actually avoid conflict and attacks from anti-immigrant know-nothings, and adapt to their new world

while being with their “own kind.” This might not have been perfect, but it worked. As Sen. Pat Moynihan eloquently described in his classic work “Beyond the Melting Pot,” each generation would move forward from its enclave while maintaining its own identity and adding to the mosaic’s overall beauty. Depending on what skills and traditions were brought over

from the old country, some groups would advance further or in different fields than others.

For example, Irish Catholic immigrants had the advantage of speaking English, or at least our version of it. Plus, they were able to take their Catholic experience of having grown up in local parishes, under the overall tight control of bishops, and adapt it to New York’s politics, which they took over and controlled for decades.

But each of these groups, and the immigrants who followed, made enormous contributions to New York, and indeed to the nation, in industry, labor, education, law enforcement, the arts, the military, finance, sports, science, and so much more. All this resulted from an experiment that succeeded to an extent unequaled anywhere in the world.

Illegal immigration is dangerous, and must be stopped. It poses a definite terrorist threat and an economic danger to American citizens and lawful immigrants. But to make their case against it in this presidential campaign, Republicans should not use false, unintelligent, nativist arguments that besmirch the value and benefit that legal immigration brings to all Americans.

Just as Vance sees nobility and dignity in his self-described hillbilly heritage, so too should New Yorkers, and Long Islanders, be proud of our immigrant ancestry. That is what will make America great again.

*Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@liherald.com.*

## Congestion pricing may again haunt motorists

**L**ike the Ghost of Christmas Past, or Lazarus rising from the dead, congestion pricing, sidelined earlier this year by Gov. Kathy Hochul, is due to rear its ugly head sometime later this year. The question is, what form will it take, and will it be any better than the past version?



**JERRY KREMER**

With little regard for motorists or truckers, this year’s version was an arrogant and blind proposal destined to become an albatross around the necks of any drivers daring to venture into Manhattan below 60th street. The bosses of the Metropolitan

Transportation Authority, led by their arrogant chairman, Janno Lieber, decided in advance that the public would swallow whatever plan they decided on. To paper over the plan, the MTA conducted a series of sham hearings, and then told the world that on June 30, the MTA would start collecting the higher tolls — \$15 for cars and \$35 for trucks.

Hochul, acting on a number of complaints that the plan was ill-conceived, shocked the bureaucrats by pulling the plug at the last minute. Supporters of the plan, anxious for the MTA to start hauling in the cash, were shell-shocked that the governor would have the nerve to halt its efforts. Numerous groups asked for changes in the proposal, but even the fairest suggestions were brushed aside.

There is no doubt that some of the claims for exemptions were hoggish and undeserved, but some of the pleas were well-motivated and worthy of consideration. To judge what is fair or unfair, you only had to take a look at the London congestion program to decide how to charge drivers who enter the congestion zone. The tolls there are collected only up until 6 p.m., and drivers can enter the city toll-free after that. The MTA, apparently oblivious to the theater industry and Manhattan’s countless restaurants, was determined to collect tolls at all hours. To add to the woes of these businesses, the charges for trucks were destined to become a consumer tax on every item sold in any

retail establishment in the city.

How did the London authorities get all the business interests to support their plan? They did it the old-fashioned way. They met with every possible interest group and got support from all meaningful voices.

What did the MTA do to win over its opponents? Nothing. Assuming that it was the only important voice on the pricing plan, the agency went full speed ahead, ignoring any serious claim for relief from the tolls.

What role has the New York City government played in this bruising battle? Mayor Eric Adams,

who is supposed to protect the city’s business interests, sided with the MTA by stepping back and doing nothing. Has the city played any role in the traffic mess that drivers face every day as they attempt to work their way through perpetual gridlock? Much of that mess is due to the city’s years and years of traffic-related mistakes. Four of the five boroughs are choked with bicycle lanes that were created wherever the traffic commissioners wanted them.

A typical traffic disaster is Lexington Avenue. There are bus lanes on the

street that can barely handle double parking by trucks seeking to deliver products for commerce. School buses, and many of the thousands of Uber and Lyft cars trying to work their way through, face blockades from east-west traffic on the cross streets.

What has the MTA done to win over converts since Hochul stalled the plan? London officials worked hard to get unanimous support for their plan. But Lieber sits in his MTA ivory tower, content to let the politicians do the heavy lifting. Everybody agrees that with some honest bargaining, a fair toll plan could be agreed on that would lessen the burden on all sides.

Hochul has done her best to stall the plan, in the hope that some honest compromise can be reached. But once the State Legislature is forced to do something to keep trains and buses running, the lawmakers will pass legislation that will still make a lot of people very unhappy.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## 'After-school' activities benefit those of all ages

As the new school year begins on Long Island, students are returning not only to classrooms, but also to a vibrant world of extracurricular activities. While we often associate clubs, sports teams and after-school programs with youth development, it's crucial to recognize that the benefits of such involvement extend far beyond childhood and adolescence. In fact, adults in Nassau County and beyond have just as much to gain by getting involved in activities outside their daily routines.

For students, the advantages of participation in extracurriculars are well documented. A study published in the Journal of Youth Development found that students involved in such activities were 15 percent more likely to attend college, and had a graduation rate 12 percent higher than their uninvolved peers. Moreover, these students reported higher levels of self-esteem and lower rates of depression and anxiety.

Local success stories abound. Look no further than all of the Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists whose journeys begin in our local schools' robotics and science research clubs. Or the many All-American student-athletes who lead

our high school teams to victory. But the benefits of extracurricular involvement aren't limited to the young. Adults who take part in community organizations, hobby groups or sports leagues often report improved mental health, expanded social networks, and a greater sense of purpose. According to study in the Journal of Happiness Studies, adults who regularly engaged in group activities reported a 25 percent increase in life satisfaction compared with those who did not.

Nassau County offers a wealth of opportunities for adult involvement. Whether it's signing up for a book club at the local library, joining a pickleball league in your neighborhood Nassau County park, or volunteering at the North Shore Animal League, there's an avocation for everyone.

For those who are serious about physical activity, organizations like the Long Island Road Runners Club promote fitness and camaraderie among members of all ages and skill levels. Meanwhile, volunteering with groups such as Island Harvest offers a chance to give back to the community while forging meaningful connections.

The value of these activities extends

beyond personal fulfillment. A report by the Corporation for National and Community Service, also known as AmeriCorps, found that volunteers have a 27 percent higher likelihood of finding employment after being out of work compared with non-volunteers. This statistic underscores the networking and skill-building aspects of extracurricular involvement.

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to become consumed by work and daily responsibilities. However, engaging in extracurricular activities provides a crucial balance, offering opportunities for personal growth, stress relief, and community connection. As we watch our children discover new passions and develop important life skills through their after-school pursuits, let's take inspiration from their enthusiasm and curiosity.

This fall, as Long Island's students dive into a new year of learning both in and out of the classroom, let's make it a community-wide initiative to explore the rich tapestry of extracurricular activities available to those of all ages. By doing so, we not only enrich our own lives, but also contribute to the vibrancy and interconnectedness of our communities.

## LETTERS

### Fossil fuels, offshore wind and the need for climate action

To the Editor:

Re "To beat the heat on Long Island, we must fight fossil fuels," by Lauren Krueger, and "Offshore wind is the answer for Long Island," by Melissa Parrott: These two opinion pieces accurately pinpoint the negative role played by fossil fuel companies in combating climate change, and stress the need to rapidly move toward 100 percent renewable energy.

As Krueger shows, the fossil fuel companies have lied to the public for years about the science and dangers of climate change — caused principally by their own products — and continue to spread misinformation and fear about critical renewable energy projects, such as offshore wind. And Parrott makes the point that offshore wind, an inexhaustible, renewable, affordable energy resource available off our South Shore, will go a long way toward meeting our energy needs, safely and in an environmentally friendly manner. Offshore wind is key to our energy future, and to saving our planet.

Unfortunately, there is currently insufficient action to halt the climate chaos we are now experiencing. We are running out of time. The bottom line is this: As the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated, to halt the rapid global heating we are now experiencing will require deep changes in the basic social, economic and political institutions we currently have.

One obvious and necessary change is to limit the



overriding power of the very industry that is now directly causing the climate crisis. We have the technology to transition away from fossil fuels, but our struggle will not be easy.

JIM BROWN  
Conservation co-chair;  
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Island Park

### Let's take a long look at Kamala Harris

To the Editor:

Re "Momalas for Kamala, a thread to unite us," by Randi Kreiss (Aug. 8-14): As of this writing, Vice President Kamala Harris still has not met with the



## OPINIONS

## It's time to re-evaluate New York's climate goals

**A**s Long Islanders are paying more and more for their utilities, it is far past time for more policymakers to ask if the aspirational goals and timelines of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act are realistic, or if we need to correct course.



**PATRICIA  
CANZONERI-FITZPATRICK**

To be sure, I want to leave our future generations with a cleaner environment. I also, however, want to leave them a more reliable and more affordable energy grid. I want New York to be a place where our children can grow up and afford to stay,

but while the state seeks to create "greener" pastures, the future isn't looking more affordable.

It doesn't need to be this way, though. We can right the ship while still pursuing a cleaner, more reliable and more affordable grid. Rather than focusing on rushed, top-down mandates from the

state, we can focus on realistic proposals that prioritize incentivizing this transition by lowering costs for consumers. My colleagues and I in the State Senate Republican conference have done precisely that with the Creating Lasting Affordable Energy for New York legislative package, which would prioritize clean, reliable and affordable energy.

The first proposal would delay implementation of the CLCPA by 10 years, which would allow policymakers to better formulate a plan to transition to clean energy without burdening ratepayers. It would also allow for greater flexibility in adjusting time frames to ensure that the grid is both affordable and, most important, reliable, and able to handle the additional demands of a society powered solely by clean energy. Given the current uncertainties about whether our grid can manage the projected power load demands, this delay is crucial.

Another proposal would prevent power-generation facilities from being

closed before a new one comes online. This common-sense practice is necessary for the revamping of our grid to truly be a responsible transition. For instance, the Indian Point nuclear

power facility generated roughly a quarter of New York City's energy needs — and of note for residents of Nassau County's South Shore, approximately the same amount of power as the proposed Empire Wind projects — before it was shut down prematurely. Our legislative package would require a feasibility study of bringing Indian Point back online to help meet the city's clean-energy

**O**ur energy must not only be cleaner, but also more reliable and affordable.

gy needs.

Given the substantial taxes that the state already collects, this transition shouldn't be shouldered by everyday ratepayers. Instead, our Ratepayer Relief Act would determine the cost of CLCPA mandates and reimburse ratepayers with tax credits, as well as cutting taxes, to save ratepayers more than \$100 million.

My proposal within this package

would offer homeowners an additional \$5,000 tax credit to install solar, as well as a new solar School Tax Relief, or STAR, credit for communities that opt to build small to mid-sized solar projects. Further, my bill would re-establish, and strengthen, local control of the siting of major renewable energy projects, something that seems to be of little importance to Gov. Kathy Hochul.

These proposals, in concert with others we have included, such as lowering costs for hydroelectric plants and bolstering investments in alternative sources of clean energy, like green hydrogen, will help New York make the transition to a cleaner grid without sacrificing reliability or further burdening ratepayers. Albany cannot continue to expect New Yorkers to keep paying more and more, or else they will continue to flee our state's high costs. If we continue that trend rather than implementing these common-sense initiatives, then perhaps New York's ultimate path to eliminating emissions will be to ask the last person who leaves to turn the lights off as they go.

*Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick represents the 9th Senate District.*

## LETTERS

press. The Democratic National Convention last week continued the good-feeling tour — and the evasion. The sanitizing of her positions on the issues, in contrast to her previous stances, and the avoidance of her failure as the "border czar" will have additional shelf life.

Her reputation as an abuser of her staff and the high turnover rate among them, as well as her unwillingness to do the work required as V.P., isn't the thread the mainstream media is willing to look at. I can only hope the upcoming debate will focus on the issues and her record. It isn't courage that Donald Trump needs to debate her, but rather the self-discipline to stay away from personal attacks that can only undermine him and cause an unnecessary distraction.

TONY GIAMETTA  
*Oceanside*

## Thanks, Peter King, for reflections on Pete Rose

To the Editor:

I read with deep interest Peter King's column "Rethinking the embarrassing saga of Pete Rose (Aug. 15-21). I took particular interest in King's sharing of his views and questions with his son and grandson.

It seems to me that the complete truth of Rose's behavior requires both an investigative exercise and collabora-

tive testimony from others to support his claims. Essentially, nothing he says should be believed unless the facts beyond his statements can be gleaned, and others can offer evidence in support of his behavior. Because his own previous testimony is both incomplete and untruthful, any decisions on whether to include him in the Hall of Fame must serve the public first and his request last.

The years, and now decades, of Rose's lying about betting on baseball — and on the Reds in particular — bring up the need to ask other Hall of Fame members their thoughts on his potential induction, too. In particular, Johnny Bench, a colleague of Rose's on the Reds, says no. Why? Because as Bench states, what rules or pledges of honesty about gambling should our children learn from Rose?

So far, his decades-long behavior suggests there are no pledges from him that we should believe are examples of his character or integrity. When it comes to teaching children, as Bench states, the entire acceptance test is based on character and truthfulness.

Not accepting Rose into the Hall of Fame teaches our children that dishonesty can never be rewarded. Our society must stand for something, and recognize integrity and character.

Pete Rose is an undesirable candidate for the Hall of Fame. Despite his performance as a player, he is unqualified.

JOE ABATE  
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